

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Cabinet
5 July 2018

Subject: GRANTS REVIEW

All Wards
Portfolio Holder for Leisure: Councillor Mrs B S Fortune

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 To propose improved coordination and consistency of policy and practice with community funding and grants and to establish an approach to financial provision for future years.

1.2 In 2017/18 the Council awarded community funds and grants as follows:

Fund	Total	Award parameters	From
Making a Difference Grants	£125,000 (inc £25,000 to Community Libraries)	Between £2,500 and £25,000	One-Off Fund
Core Funded Grants	£62,300	No stipulated parameters	Revenue
Frequently Funded Organisation Grants	£48,700	No stipulated parameters	Grants Reserve
Small Grants*	£20,000	Between £500 and £2,500	Grants Reserve
TOTAL	£256,000		

*In 2018/19 the Small Grants programme was no longer required due to the lowering of the Making a Difference Grant minimum threshold from £2,500 to £1,000.

1.3 Details of each of these are included within Appendix 1.

1.4 Making a Difference Grants and Small Grants have run as open application schemes. These are available to not-for-profit, constituted organisations with a bank account and are eligible for projects that contribute to at least one of the four Council priorities. Making a Difference Grant allocations are determined by elected Members, whereas decisions on Small Grant applications have been delegated to officers for their consideration prior to Head of Service and Portfolio Holder for Leisure approval.

1.5 The Core Funded Grants are awarded to voluntary or charitable organisations to contribute towards their running costs. Terms and conditions usually include the need for a service level agreement (SLA) over a stipulated time period. There is no formal application process and they are usually reviewed at the end of the SLA (all three SLA's presently require review/renewal).

1.6 The Frequently Funded Organisation Grants fund voluntary sector infrastructure costs. These have been funded for the last 10 years or so, under various schemes. There is no application process; the grants are renewed annually following the submission of a satisfactory monitoring report with formal approval by the Head of Service and Portfolio Holder for Leisure.

1.7 In addition the Council occasionally provides funding to assist local communities with projects such as the Tour de Yorkshire. This funding is approved on an ad hoc basis by Management Team and at Cabinet in the Quarterly Financial Monitoring reports.

- 1.8 In August 2015 the Council signed the North Yorkshire Compact which is an agreement between local authorities and the voluntary/community sector to help sustain an equal and fair society. It sets out the commitments of each party, advocating sustainable relationships, multi-year funding and terms such as a minimum of 3 months' notice of changes to any funding agreements. The Council needs to be mindful of such conditions in any changes that it makes to either the Core Funded or Frequently Funded organisations due to the ongoing nature of the funding.

Proposals

- 1.9 Presently, due to the different ways that the various community schemes have evolved, there are a number of opportunities to address inconsistencies with the community grant schemes. It is therefore proposed that there will be three community grant schemes rather than four as follows, with the Small Grants being incorporated within the Making a Difference fund as previously stated in 1.2:

Fund	Details	Parameters	Approved by	Budget
Making a Difference	£125,000 (incorporating the previous Small Grants programme). Grants will normally be for new / one-off projects / activities.	£1,000 to £25,000	Cabinet	Revenue
Hambleton Helps	£50,000. This provides for the previously Frequently Funded Organisations. Grants will normally be used to assist with on-going initiatives or projects	£1,000 to £5,000	Management Team	Grants Reserve
Partnership Fund	£62,300. This provides for the previous Core Funded grants to the Galtres Centre, Citizens Advice and North Yorkshire Sport	3 yearly award determined by each service level agreement	Management Team	Revenue
TOTAL	£237,300			

- 1.10 In addition it is proposed that:
- 1.10.1 All grants schemes are delivered in a co-ordinated and consistent manner with a standardised application and decision making process that is clearly defined and appropriate to the level of funding being applied for.
 - 1.10.2 The eligibility criteria ensure the grant contributes to at least one Council priority.
 - 1.10.3 All grants are applied for annually except for those from the Partnership Fund.
 - 1.10.4 From 2018/19 Partnership Fund awards (previously Core Funded Grants) are restricted to the Citizens Advice Mid-North Yorkshire, Galtres Centre and North Yorkshire Sport and that these grants are awarded after consideration of an up to date service level agreement for 3 years per award.
 - 1.10.5 The Hambleton Helps and Partnership Fund grants are approved by the Management Team from 2018/19.
 - 1.10.6 Improvements to the co-ordinated promotion of these funds are undertaken.

2.0 LINK TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

2.1 The criteria for all the Council's grants schemes stipulate that the grant must contribute to at least one of the Council's corporate priorities.

3.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:

3.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 In 2017/18 the Council financed grants as follows:

4.1.1 Making a Difference grants from the One-Off Fund.

4.1.2 Core Funded (to be 'Partnership Fund') grants from revenue.

4.1.3 Frequently Funded Organisations (to be 'Hambleton Helps') from the Grants Reserve; and

4.1.4 Small Grants from the Grants Reserve.

4.2 Due to its popularity, in future it is proposed that the Making a Difference Grants scheme becomes an annual commitment funded from the revenue budget, rather than the One-Off Fund as it has been previously. Therefore, consideration will be given to including this from the 2019/20 budget with a saving being made during 2018/19 to accommodate the £125,000 requirement.

4.3 Core Funded grants, proposed to be called the Partnership Fund, will remain in the revenue budget at £62,300.

4.4 The Small Grants programme of £20,000 is no longer required as organisations can now apply for funding from the annual Making a Difference Grants scheme, which provides for the same community needs.

4.5 At the start of 2019/20 there will be £141,833 remaining in the Grants Reserve, which would mean that there is sufficient funding for the proposed Hambleton Helps grants (currently called Frequently Funded Organisations) of £50,000 each year until 2020/21, with £41,883 remaining at the start of 2021/22. It is therefore proposed that £8,117 is provided from the One-Off Fund to ensure that £50,000 is available to meet needs in 2021/22. Consideration will then be needed at a later stage as to how the Hambleton Helps grant programme is financed from 2022/23.

Overall the revenue effects of the grant programmes will be as follows:-

Revenue Effects	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	2022/23 £
Cost of:				
Making a Difference grants	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Hambleton Helps grants (frequently funded organisations)	50,000	50,000	50,000 62,300	0
Partnership fund grants (core funded organisations)	62,300	62,300		62,300
Total Costs	237,300	237,300	237,300	187,300

Revenue Effects	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	2022/23 £
Financed by:				
Revenue	187,300	187,300	187,300	187,300
Grants Reserve	50,000	50,000	41,883	0
One Off Fund			£8,117	
Total Funding	<u>237,300</u>	<u>237,300</u>	<u>237,300</u>	<u>187,300</u>

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 All grant recipients must adhere to terms and conditions to ensure they comply with any legal and/or Council policy requirements associated with their grant.

6.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES

6.1 As identified within the terms and conditions of the various grants the Council requires funded projects to be open to all who wish to be involved - unless the applicant can provide a legitimate reason why this should not be the case. The Grant guidance demands that recipients pay appropriate attention to equality and diversity issues in the way they run their organisation and the project.

7.1 RECOMMENDATIONS:

7.1 That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council changes to the Community Grants from 2019/20 as follows:

- (1) the annual Making a Difference Grants programme is to be funded from the revenue budget as detailed in paragraph 4.2;
- (2) the Small Grants scheme is to be closed;
- (3) the Frequently Funded Organisation grant is to be replaced by 'Hambleton Helps' and £50,000 allocated for each of the next three years from the Grants Reserve;
- (4) the Grants Reserve is increased by £8,117 from the One-Off Fund for 2021/22 as detailed in paragraph 4.5 and
- (5) core Funded grants will be called the Partnership Fund and continue to be funded from the revenue budget. Revised Service Level Agreements for three years will be agreed with recipients and approved by Management Team.

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Community funds and grants awarded in 2017/18

Core Funded Grants (proposed Partnership Fund)

Organisation	Grant
Citizen's Advice Mid-North Yorkshire	£27,450
Galtres Centre	£29,850
North Yorkshire Sport	£5,000
Total	£62,300

Frequently Funded Organisations (proposed Hambleton Helps Fund)

Organisation	Grant
Bedale Community Car Scheme	£2,800
Easingwold Community Care Association	£3,000
Easingwold Community Car Scheme	£2,800
Rural Transport and Access Partnership	£2,500
Wheels 2 Work (maintenance)	£5,000
Wheels 2 Work (mentoring)	£5,000
Hambleton Over Fifties Forum (Age UK)	£4,000
Hambleton Strollers	£5,000
Hambleton Community Action	£3,000
Northallerton Community Car Scheme	£2,800
Stokesley Community Car Scheme	£2,800
Stokesley Community Care Association	£3,000
Thirsk Community Car Scheme	£2,800
Thirsk Community Care Association	£3,000
Yorkshire Local Councils Association	£1,200
Total	£48,700

Making a Difference Grants

Organisation	Grant
5 Community Libraries of £5,000 each	£25,000
St John the Baptist Church Leeming	£2,500
Thornton Watlass Cricket Club	£2,500
Crakehall Village Hall	£2,500
Crakehall with Langthorne Parish Council	£2,500
Snape with Thorpe Parish Council	£2,500
Leeming Bar Community Hub	£2,500
Bedale and Villages Community Forum	£2,500
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First Easingwold (Forest of Galtres) Scout Group	£3,500
Helperby Village Hall CIO	£2,500
Aine Cricket Club	£3,722
Sutton on the Forest Parish Council	£2,778
Raskelf Parish Council	£2,500
Easingwold Cricket Club	£5,000
Northallerton Town Football Club	£4,700
Northallerton & Dales Mencap	£3,800

Making a Difference Grants (continued)

Organisation	Grant
East Cowton Parish Council	£8,000
Northallerton & Village Community Forum	£3,500
Great Ayton Bowls Club	£2,500
Battersby Junction Community Association	£2,500
North Yorkshire County Scout Council	£3,000
Stokesley Sports Club	£6,500
Ingleby Cross Village Hall	£3,000
Pride in Potto	£2,500
Hillside Rural Activities Park	£2,500
The Clock (Yorkshire) Ltd	£10,000
Thirsk, Sowerby and District Community Care Association	£2,500
North Yorkshire Youth Ltd	£2,500
Thirsk Town Council	£2,500
Total	£125,000

Small Grants

Organisation	Grant
Hambleton Paddlers	£645
Coxwold & District Tennis Club	£2,500
Sessay Bowls Club	£1,500
Appleton Recreation Association	£2,500
Thirsk Falcons Junior Football Club	£2,400
East Harlsey Cricket Club	£1,100
Age UK	£1,505
The Clock	£2,475
East Harlsey Village Hall	£2,500
The Hambleton League	£1,000
Dales Care	£1,875
Total	£20,000